

ABSTRACT

A control system for reliably performing minimally required operations using a small number of input devices is provided. A rhythm input section (101) converts a rhythm pattern input by the user to an electrical signal, which is in turn output. A rhythm dictionary storage section (103) stores a rhythm dictionary table which associates the contents of a control of an apparatus with a registered rhythm pattern. The registered rhythm pattern is obtained by typifying a pronunciation pattern of a name indicating the contents of the control. A control section (102) analyzes the electrical signal from the rhythm input section (101) to recognize the input rhythm pattern input by the user, recognizes the contents of a corresponding control by referencing the rhythm dictionary storage section (103), and controls an operation of an in-vehicle apparatus.